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BROWNBACK ADDRESSES FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY IN GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback today in a Capitol Hill speech to Laffer and Associates addressed fiscal responsibility in government.

“It is becoming clear that congress and the president are going to bust the bipartisan discretionary spending caps that were agreed on just two years ago,” Brownback said. “Ironically, at the time of the bipartisan agreement to limit spending I was skeptical because I thought the caps were too high – and I still do. This makes the claim by some in Congress that we need to break our promise with the American people by breaking the spending caps all the more puzzling.

“Spending America’s tax overpayment is bad fiscal policy not only because it breaks our bipartisan agreement with the American people but also because it inflates the size of our government, making it even harder to control in the future. Unfortunately, instead of trying to restrict the size and growth of the federal government; congress, and the president, are trying to play accounting games with the American people. Congress doesn’t need any more budget gimmicks which is all we will probably see from now until November.

“Despite the failure to cut taxes and control spending we must still work to make our government more fiscally responsible. We have to do this for the American people. We must provide Americans with the relief they deserve as we work to cut taxes and grow the economy,” Brownback said.